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DR. JOHN HICKSON

In the course of a social discussion during a visit to Huntingdon Research Centre by DGF in company with Prof. M. Jongema of the Netherlands, the name of Dr. John Hickson, Research Director of the Cigar Research Council, was mentioned by Dr. H.R. Bentley. The reaction of the HRC people (e.g. Prof. A. Wordon and Dr. L.E. Mawdsley-Thomas) was very enlightening.

They described Hickson as a supreme scientific politician who had been successful in condemning cyclamates, on behalf of the Sugar Research Council, on somewhat shaky evidence which he had been able to conjure out of Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.

Hickson apparently has a close connection with VARF on which he has been able to draw in the past in order to obtain selected pieces of work. The Huntingdon people suggested that any work done by VARF on behalf of Hickson would need very careful examination and checking to ensure that the evidence was not "selected" to suit the particular situation.

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